

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT
Third Floor – Conference Room “C”

CALL TO ORDER

I. Minutes

Review and approval of the minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH

B. Examination Update

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant

III. Additional Agenda Items

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and have not yet been adopted by the board.

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on Tuesday February 9, 2016 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor Conference Room "C", Hartford, CT.

Board Members Present: René "Skip" Rivard, LO, Chairperson
Daniel Denegre, LO
Donna K. Bojus (Public Member)

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison, DPH; DPH; Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH; Deborah Brown, DPH Health Program Assistant; Alfreda Gaither, Esq., Staff Attorney, Hearing Office, DPH

Chairperson René Rivard called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Rivard requested that a new Item II be added to the agenda to allow for possible comments from the public, moving current Item II to Item III. **Motion: Bojus; Second, DeNegre. Motion Passed.**

I. **Minutes -**

- A. Motion to accept minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2015 **Motion: Bojus; Second, Denegre. Motion Passed.**

II. **Audience Participation**

- A. No comments from the public

III. **Department of Health Updates**

- A. Investigations Update - *Gary Griffin, Practitioner, Investigation Unit, DPH*
1. Mr. Griffin reported one case under investigation. One new case regarding possible unlicensed activity has been opened. He reported that alleged optician activity at Opticare is still under investigation. No previous cases have been closed.
 2. As first referenced in the Board meeting of November 17, 2015, the investigation of a three location ophthalmology practice allegedly using unlicensed personnel dispensing eyewear is ongoing. The practice has one location holding an optical selling permit. Claiming that although optical goods are displayed at the other two locations, nothing is dispensed. Mr. Griffin acknowledged that Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, DPH, is reviewing the situation. Mr. DeNegre suggested an unannounced on-site inspection. Detailed discussion followed.
 3. Chairperson Rivard respectfully requested expeditious resolutions to all pending investigations.

- B. Examination Update: Deborah Brown, *DPH Health Program Assistant*
 - 1. Ms. Brown announced the results of the December 2015 licensing exams.
 - a. Contact Lens Exam
 - (1) 14 candidates
 - (a) 2 Did not attend
 - (b) 7 Failed
 - (c) 5 Passed
 - b. Eyewear Exam
 - (1) 22 candidates
 - (a) 2 Did not attend
 - (b) 15 Failed
 - (c) 5 Passed

IV. **Application deadline for Spring exams is March 31, 2016.**

V. **Additional Agenda Items:**

- A. None

VI. **Examination Appeals**

- A. Mr. Rivard explained to those in attendance the process of examination appeals. He invited those wishing to appeal their exams results to address the Board. Ms. Brown explained the notification process from the DPH.
 - 1. Several candidates took the opportunity to address the Board and question the exam process.
- B. Executive Session to Discuss Exam Appeals at 11:49 a.m. **Motion: Bojus; Second, Denegre. Motion Passed.**
- C. Motion to Exit Executive Session 1:50 p.m. **Motion: Bojus; Second, Denegre. Motion Passed.**

VII. **Adjourn**

- A. **Motion: DeNegre, Second Bojus. Motion Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

René R. Rivard
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians